

FLATHEAD COUNTY FAIR COMMISSION

Meeting minutes from February 16, 2012

The February 16, 2012 meeting called to order by Wes McAlpin at 6:30 pm in the 4-H Building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds

Roll call of members; Joy Struble, Wes McAlpin, Mike Mower, and Sam Nunnally all were in attendance. Butch Woolard was absent and excused.

Agenda approval: Joy moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Sam. All were in favor.

Previous Minutes: Joy moved to approve the January 26, 2012 minutes as presented. Mike seconded the motion. No further discussion. All members were in favor.

Staff & Guests: Eloise Hill was present.

Public Comment: Wes asked if any members of the public wished to comment this evening. No comments were heard.

Manager's report: Mark reviewed recent activities, current fairground projects, and the January 2012 financial reports. FY 13 CIP projects were submitted to County Finance and be discussed later in the agenda. Quotes for Grandstand door replacement have been requested. The project will be revised to use standard equipment and bring the cost down. The two race camera towers have been removed based on safety concerns. A review of Fair exhibits and sponsorships underway was provided.

The Fairgrounds is participating with USA Wrestling of Kalispell on a Round-Up for Safety Grant for safety fencing which would be stored on-site and available to other non-profits and the fairgrounds.

The Lewis home is scheduled for bids to close on March 2nd. Successful bidder would be required to remove the buildings by March 30th.

Committee reports: No reports were given.

Old Business:

Strategic Planning group: Joy presented a scope and objectives for the group based on previous discussions at the Board. Public input in the process is critical and the forum is necessary to hear all ideas. Discussion by all followed. It was agreed to develop the agenda(s) defining what would happened and be sought. A tentative timeframe starts this in April with work on the agenda(s) at the next Board meeting.

No additional old business was heard.

New Business:

FY 13 budget priorities and Capital Plan review – Mark provided an overview of the projects and process for the items submitted to County Finance. This included scope of the plan and details of specific projects. He explained why the timing of projects are different and how they inter-relate. Safety of customers and lighting in the parking areas was reviewed. Removal of the deteriorating horse barns was encouraged and should be considered earlier. Each additional project was briefly reviewed with discussion.

The Board brought forward ideas that could replace the horse racing this year. They included Cowboy Polo, Draft Horse demonstrations, dog agility, bull riding, dock dogs, and a stock dog competition.

No additional new business was brought forward or discussed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm was made by Joy, seconded by Mike, question called with all in favor.

Submitted by: mc

Approved as submitted:

Chair

Date